



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In-re application of

Docket No: Q64677

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Appln. No.: 09/942,029

Group Art Unit: 1774

Confirmation No.: 7279

Examiner: Bruce H. HESS

Filed: August 30, 2001

For: HEAT-SENSITIVE RECORDING MATERIAL AND HEAT-SENSITIVE RECORDING PROCESS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to 7 distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes all of the claims are generic.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects "Species A", drawn to a compound of formula (1), without traverse. Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 read on the elected species.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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